

THE WHITE HOUSE  
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MEMO FOR MR. ROSTOW

In view of the unusual redeployment yesterday of 200 Soviet Tactical Air Force fighters back to the Czech border, the attached message takes on added significance.

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LAND OPERATIONS BY A-10 AND A-40 AIRCRAFT. A VINTED DIVISION  
OF THE SPORADIC RIFLE DIVISION ALSO HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN TRANSFERRED  
VIA SLAIN. CONTINUOUS FLIGHTS OF A-10 TO THE CRUCIAL AREA ARE BELIEVED  
TO BE TROOPS WHICH ARE EQUIPPED TO INCLUDE PT-76 TANKS AND BT-76  
PERSONNEL CARRIERS. OTHER CZECH AREAS WHICH ARE PROBABLY UNDER  
SOVIET CONTROL INCLUDE CH, PRNO, MAJESTA, KSTAVNA, PRAHA, AND ZATEC.

THE SOVIETS HAVE IMPRESSED SOME CIVILIAN CZECH TRUCKS FOR  
TROOP TRANSPORT. ONLY SPORADIC SMALL ARMS FIRE HAS BEEN REPORTED  
IN CZECHIA HOURS PREVIOUS LOCAL TIME; HOWEVER, AT 0550 WAKA  
INTERMITTENT SMALL ARMS FIRE WITH HEAVY SUSTAINED AUTOMATIC  
WEAPONS FIRE WAS REPORTED IN THE VICINITY OF THE SOLE RADIO  
STATION LITTER IN PRAGUE REMAINING IN GOVERNMENT HANDS.

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RECENTS OF RELIABLE COVERT SOURCES PLACE WEED AND SOVIET  
TROOPS ON HIGH TERRAIN. IT IS THEREFORE LIKELY THAT THE SOVIET  
ARMED FORCES ARE TRANSFERRING TROOPS FROM CZECHIA SINCE NO CZECH  
TROOPS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN SEEN.

TO DATE EAST GERMAN APPEARS TO BE INVOLVED IN WHAT  
IS CONSIDERED SUPPORT MISSIONS: TROOP SHUTTLE, AIR DEFENSE  
COVER, AND PROBABLE CLOSE IN GROUND FORCES SHUTTLE. THESE  
INDEPENDENT RECONNAISSANCE REGIMENTS APPARENTLY HAVE  
BEEN CONDUCTING SURVEILLANCE FLIGHTS BOTH NIGHT AND OVER THE PAST  
100 HRS. THE FIGHTER DIVISION AT HERZBERG HAS APPARENTLY  
SUPPLIED THE AIR DEFENSE COVER. NO ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL NUMBER  
OF FIGHTER AND FIGHTER BOMBER AIRCRAFT THAT HAVE BEEN IN  
POSITION MAKING CAN BE MADE AT THIS TIME; HOWEVER,

RECENTLY, A RELIABLE SOURCE OVER EAST GERMAN  
REPORTED THE PLADING AT MECHENOW AIRFIELD

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